

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching and Nature Study - Fishing - Hunting - Outdoor Photography - Wildlife Viewing

Rules and Regulations

Conservation areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing, and hunting activities.

- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- No littering.
- Vehicle use is restricted to graveled roadways and parking areas open to the public.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Dogs must be leashed when not being used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Horseback riding is only permitted on graveled roads and parking areas open to public use.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sail-boarding, caving and rappelling is prohibited.
- Primitive camping is permitted only in designated areas. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period and no more than 30 days in a calendar year. Groups of 10 or more campers need a Special Use Permit.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

Hunting and Trapping

Both areas are open to hunting under statewide regulations, except as further restricted by the following regulations:

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 31 on areas where deer hunting is allowed, by Special Use Permit, or except as otherwise authorized. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner and be removed from the area before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited for hunting

doves.

- Trapping furbearers allowed only by Special Use Permit.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply to Peabody and Harmony Mission Lake CA:

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person except as stated below.
- Daily limit is 6 black bass, 30 crappie, and 4 catfish (channel, blue, or flathead) in the aggregate. All other fish are under statewide limits, but may not exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- All black bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released immediately after being caught.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on lakes and ponds.
- Gizzard shad may be taken from lakes and ponds by dip net or throw net.
- Boats, including sailboats, may be used on lakes and ponds designated as open to boats. Boats may not be left unattended overnight.
- Use of houseboats and personal water craft is prohibited.
- Only electric motors are permitted on lakes and ponds of less than 70 acres.
- On Peabody Conservation Area - Carp, Buffalo, suckers, and gar may be taken by atlatl, gig, bow or crossbow during statewide seasons.
- On Harmony Mission Lake - Daily Limit is 4 white or striped bass and their hybrids and they must be at least 20 inches in total length.
- On Harmony Mission Lake, outboard motors in excess of 10 hp must be operated at slow, no-wake speed.

For local information, contact:

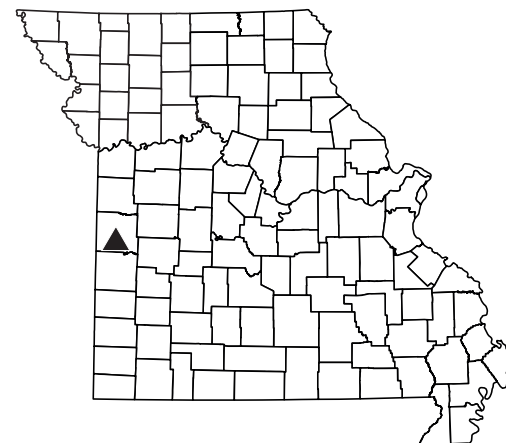
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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are from Provision 3CSR 10-4.115 of the Wildlife Code. Free copies of the Wildlife Code and Special Area Regulations are available from the Conservation Department.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

Harmony Mission Lake & Peabody

CONSERVATION AREA



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